

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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TEHRI DAM PROJECT

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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) the progress made so far in the implementation of the Tehri Dam Project;
- (b) the extent to which it is behind schedule, item-wise;
- (c) the cost escalation suffered by the project stage-wise; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER ( SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA )

(a) to (d) : The Tehri Hydro-electric Power Project Stage-I (4x250 MW) is under execution by the Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC). The construction activities are in full swing. Only 70 meters of the Main Dam is left to be raised against the height of 260.5 meters. All the four Diversion Tunnels have been completed and are in operation. The spillway and chute spillway works are in progress. Electro-mechanical equipment is under erection in the underground Power House.

The first unit of 250 MW of the Project which was scheduled for commissioning in March, 2002 has been rescheduled because of non-closure of diversion tunnels T-3 and T-4. Closure of these tunnels is required to make available the dry area for construction of stilling basin. This could not take place on account of non-vacation of Old Tehri Town consequent to the agitations resorted to by the local population. The shifting of Old Tehri Town paving the way for closure of tunnels T-3 and T-4 is now receiving the attention of the State Government of Uttaranchal and these tunnels are now proposed to be closed in October, 2001 following which about 18 months are required to complete the work of spillway and stilling basin.

The revised cost of the project is estimated at Rs.5209.10 crores (at August '99 Price Level) excluding interest during construction and financial charges as against the approved cost of Rs.2963.66 crores (at March, 1993 Price Level) excluding IDC.